

temporally aligning the closed caption text component with the audio pattern in the audio component.

Please add claims 2-18:

2. [New] A method for processing a signal stream, the signal stream having an audio component and a closed caption text component, the method comprising:

locating in the text component a marker text string having previously been determined to be a suitable text string for identifying the beginning of a segment of content, the marker text string being one of a set of text strings, each text string in the set made up of at least one word, phrase, or character;

generating an audio pattern representative of the located marker text string; and
locating the audio pattern in the audio component.

3. [New] The method of claim 2, wherein locating the audio pattern is performed on an audio component that does not contain any marker signals.

4. [New] The method of claim 2, comprising delivering a natural sounding playback of an audio segment to a user, the audio segment commencing with the located audio pattern.

5. [New] The method of claim 2, comprising:

locating in the text component a second marker text string having previously been determined to be a suitable text string for identifying the end of the segment of content;

generating a second audio pattern representative of the second marker text string;

locating the second audio pattern in the audio component; and

using the audio pattern and the second audio pattern, temporally aligning the closed caption text with the audio pattern and the second audio pattern in the audio component.

6. [New] The method of claim 2, comprising:

sending a multi-media segment consisting of audio and text components to a user at the user's request, the multi-media segment commencing with the located marker text string.

7. [New] The method of claim 2, comprising:
sending a multi-media segment consisting of audio and text components to a user
according to a preset schedule, the multi-media segment commencing with the located marker
text string.

8. [New] The method of claim 2, comprising
receiving a search term from a user;
using the search term, locating in the text component the marker text string;
delivering to the user a segment of the audio component, the segment of the audio
component commencing with the located audio pattern.

9. [New] A method for synchronizing text and audio feeds of a multi-media
segment of a signal stream, the method comprising:
receiving a signal stream;
comparing the text feed of the signal stream to a set of marker text strings, each marker
text string made up of at least one word, phrase, or character;
identifying a first marker text string in the text feed;
converting the first marker text string to speech;
locating the converted first marker text string in an unaltered audio feed;
using the first marker text string, synchronizing the text and audio feeds.

10. [New] The method of claim 9, comprising comparing the text feed to a set of
marker text strings having previously been determined to be a suitable text string for identifying
the beginning of a segment of content.

11. [New] The method of claim 10, comprising
comparing the text feed to a second marker text string having previously been determined
to be a suitable text string for identifying the end of a segment of content;
identifying in the text feed the second maker text string;

converting the second marker text string to speech;
locating the second marker text string in the audio feed; and
using both the first and second marker text strings, synchronizing the text and audio
feeds.

12. [New] The method of claim 9, comprising
receiving a search request from a user;
based on the search request, searching the text feed for the first marker text string;
locating a text feed segment, the beginning of which is demarcated by the first marker text
string;
providing to the user an audio feed segment representative of the text feed segment.

13. [New] A method for delivering a synchronized multi-media segment to a user,
comprising:

locating a marker string in an unaltered audio portion of a signal feed; the marker string
made up of at least one word, phrase, or character;
using the marker string, synchronizing the audio portion with a text portion of the signal
feed;
storing the synchronized text and audio portions in a data block of a database;
indexing the data block and creating a unique identifier to identify the data block, the
unique identifier identifying the content type, date and time of the data block;
searching and retrieving the data block from the database based on the unique identifier;
sending the data block to a user.

14. [New] The method of claim 13, comprising sending the data block to the user
according to a preset schedule.

15. [New] The method of claim 13, comprising sending the data block to the user at
the user's request.